

# Jørgen Modalsli

## Curriculum Vitae

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- **Professor of Economics** 2023 - present  
Oslo Business School at Oslo Metropolitan University (*Handelshøyskolen ved OsloMet*)
- Other affiliations:
  - Visiting Professor, Department of Economic History, Lund University 2026 - present
  - Research Fellow, IZA@LISER 2026 - present

### Previous employment

- Head of Department (*Instituttleder*), Oslo Business School at Oslo Metropolitan University 2019 - 2023
- Statistics Norway, Research Department, Unit for Microeconomics:
  - Senior Researcher (*Forsker 0*) 2019 - 2023
  - Head of Research (*Forskningsleder*) 2018 - 2019
  - Senior Researcher (*Forsker I*) 2016 - 2019
  - Researcher (*Forsker II*) 2011 - 2016
- University of Oslo, Department of Economics / ESOP:
  - Affiliated researcher 2016, 2018
  - Research Fellow (*Stipendiat*) 2007 - 2011
- Economist, ECON Analysis 2005 - 2007

### Education

- **Ph.D., Economics, University of Oslo** 2012  
Thesis: *Growing unequal? Essays on inequality, economic growth and development.*  
Visiting Ph.D. student, New York University, spring 2009
- M.Phil, Economics, University of Oslo 2005
- Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (Economics and History), University of Oslo 2003

### Research

#### Journal articles

- [1] A college on every cape: Gender equality, gender segregation and local college openings (with Adrian Farner Rogne and Tora Kjærnes Knutsen)  
Accepted for publication by *European Sociological Review*
- [2] Spillover bias in multigenerational income regressions (with Kelly Vosters)  
*Journal of Human Resources* **59**(3), 2024. doi: 10.3368/jhr.0520-10919R2
- [3] Multigenerational persistence: Evidence from 146 years of administrative data.  
*Journal of Human Resources* **58**(3), 2023. doi: 10.3368/jhr.59.1.1018-9825R2

- [4] Call the midwife: Health personnel and mortality in Norway 1887-1921 (with Andreas Kotsadam and Jo Thori Lind)  
*Cliometrica* **16**, 2022. doi: 10.1007/s11698-021-00230-9
- [5] Estimating long-run income inequality from mixed tabular data: Empirical evidence from Norway, 1875-2017 (with Rolf Aaberge and Anthony B. Atkinson)  
*Journal of Public Economics* **187**, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.jpubeco.2020.104196
- [6] Who benefited from industrialization? The local effects of hydropower technology adoption in Norway (with Stefan Leknes).  
*Journal of Economic History* **80**(1), 2020. doi:10.1017/S0022050719000743
- [7] Association of household income with life expectancy and cause-specific mortality in Norway, 2005-2015 (with Jonas Minet Kinge et al).  
*JAMA* **321**(19), 2019. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.4329
- [8] The regional dispersion of income inequality in nineteenth-century Norway.  
*Explorations in Economic History* **67**, 2018. doi: 10.1016/j.eeh.2017.09.001
- [9] Intergenerational occupational mobility in Norway, 1865-2011.  
*Scandinavian Journal of Economics* **119**(1), 2017. doi: 10.1111/sjoe.12196
- [10] Decomposing global inequality.  
*Review of Income and Wealth* **63**(3), 2017. doi: 10.1111/roiw.12230
- [11] Skjev kjønnsbalanse i toppen av inntektsfordelingen [Gender bias at the top of the income distribution].  
*Søkelys på arbeidslivet* **32**(4), 2016. doi: 10.18261/issn.1504-7989-2016-04-01
- [12] Inequality in the very long run: inferring inequality from data on social groups.  
*Journal of Economic Inequality* **13**(2), 2015. doi: 10.1007/s10888-014-9279-6  
(Longer working paper version: Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 734, 2013)
- [13] Estimating occupational mobility with covariates.  
*Economics Letters* **133**, 2015. doi: 10.1016/j.econlet.2015.05.017

### Book chapter

- [14] Regional income in Norway, 1900-2010  
Chapter in *The Economic Development of Europe's Regions: A Quantitative History since 1900*  
edited by N. Wolf and J. R. Roses, Routledge 2018

### Working papers

- [15] Measuring long-run wealth inequality: Empirical results for Norway 1912-2019 (with Rolf Aaberge and Edda Solbakken)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 1028, 2025
- [16] Female labor force participation in historical census microdata  
EHES Working Paper 282, 2025
- [17] How business income measures affect income inequality and the tax burden (with Rolf Aaberge, Marco Francesconi and Ola Vestad)  
IZA Discussion paper 17458, 2024
- [18] Distance and choice of field: Evidence from a Norwegian college expansion reform (with Tora Kjærnes Knutsen and Marte Rønning)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 932, 2020
- [19] The ins and outs of top income mobility (with Rolf Aaberge and Tony Atkinson)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 762, 2013

## Other work in progress

- [20] Female labor force participation and intergenerational mobility  
(with Claudia Olivetti, Daniele Paserman and Laura Salisbury)
- [21] Occupational change and income inequality (with Sara Cools and Marte Strøm)

## Non-refereed work (selection)

- [22] Ulikheten - betydelig større enn statistikken viser (with Rolf Aaberge and Ola Vestad).  
*SSB Analyse* 13, 2020.
- [23] Småbruk, vekst og fordeling (with Rolf Aaberge and Espen Søybye). *Nytt Norsk Tidsskrift* 1, 2017.
- [24] Stor økning i yrkesmobiliteten fra 1800-tallet til i dag. *Samfunnsspeilet* 1, 2017.
- [25] Fordelingen av inntekter i Norge fra 1875 til i dag (with Rolf Aaberge). *Plan* 3, 2014
- [26] Book review of Piketty's "Capital in the 21st Century", *Minerva* (online), 2014
- [27] Er rike mennesker alltid rike? (with Rolf Aaberge and Tony Atkinson). *Økonomiske Analyser* 4, 2013
- [28] Polarization, risk and welfare in general equilibrium  
Memo 27/2011, Department of Economics, University of Oslo
- [29] Solow meets Marx: Social class, economic growth and structural change  
Memo 21/2011, Department of Economics, University of Oslo
- [30] Upolitisk ulikhet. *Minerva* 4, 2010
- [31] Alderdom og spesialisering: Norsk næringsstruktur i 2025 (with Rolf Røtnes and Leo Grünfeld). *ECON-rapport* 42, 2007
- [32] *ECON Nye Boliger*, property market statistics. Model construction and periodicals, 2006-2007
- [33] Scenarier for Oslo 2025 (with Geir Lunde and Bjørn Brunstad), *ECON-rapport* 58, 2006
- [34] Tjenestevirksomheter i internasjonal bevegelse (with Rolf Røtnes, Marit Svensgaard and Arve Halseth),  
*ECON-rapport* 56, 2006
- [35] Statlig kjøp av posttjenester (with Arve Halseth), *ECON-rapport* 104, 2005

## Research projects

### As Project Manager (PI)

- **The Role of Men and Women in Intergenerational Mobility: A Cross-National Comparative Analysis, 1838-2015** 2017 - 2021  
Cooperation with Olivetti (Dartmouth), Paserman (Boston University), Salisbury (York University).  
Funding: Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO, Young Research Talent).
- **Convergence or segregation? Regional imbalances and labor market flows** 2013 - 2016  
Cooperation with the Institute of Social Research (ISF).  
Funding: Norwegian Research Council (VAM).

### As Project participant

- **Determined to succeed? Maturation, Motivation and Gender Gaps in Educational Achievement** 2019 - 2023  
Cooperation with the Institute of Social Research (ISF).  
Project manager: Liza Reisel. Funding: Norwegian Research Council.

- **Inequality: Measurement, Evolution, Mechanisms, and Policies** 2017 - 2020  
Project Manager: Rolf Aaberge. Funding: Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO)
- **National Historical Population Register for Norway** 2014 - 2019  
Cooperation with the Norwegian National Archives, the University of Tromsø, the National Institute for Public Health and the Norwegian Computing Centre.  
Project Manager: Gunnar Thorvaldsen. Funding: Norwegian Research Council (INFRASTRUKTUR).
- **NoWeDe - Nordic Welfare Developments** 2016 - 2018  
Cooperation with the University of Oslo.  
Project Managers: Jo Thori Lind and Kalle Moene. Funding: UiO:Nordic
- **People and their incomes in Norway, 1859-2013** 2014 - 2017  
Project Manager: Rolf Aaberge. Funding: Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO)

## Teaching

### Courses

- **Labor Economics (ØASØK4700)** 2024 -  
Master in Business Administration (*siviløkonom*), Oslo Metropolitan University
- **Introductory Economics (BAL2300)** 2023 -  
Bachelor in Public Administration, Oslo Metropolitan University
- **Economic History and Inequality (ECON4951)** 2017 - 2018  
(with Kalle Moene). Master in Economics, University of Oslo
- **The Political Economy of the Nordic Model** 2010  
(with Jon Fiva). Bachelor level, Vestfold University College
- **Development Economics (ECON1910)** 2008  
(with Jo Thori Lind). Bachelor level, University of Oslo
- Seminar teaching / teaching assistant, Economics, University of Oslo 2004 - 2010

### Thesis supervision, grading

- Bachelor and master thesis supervision, Business adm. and public adm., OsloMet 2024 -
- Master thesis supervision, Economics, University of Oslo 2008 - 2018
- External examiner, Economics, University of Oslo (oral and written exams; masters' theses) 2006 -

### Ph.D. examination/committees

- Doctoral thesis examining committee member, Uppsala University 2026
- Doctoral thesis opponent, Lund University 2022, 2025
- Doctoral thesis examining committee member, University of Gothenburg 2024
- Doctoral thesis pre-examiner, University of Helsinki 2021

- **Review panel member, Infrastructure, Riksbankens jubileumsfond (Sweden)** 2025 -
- **Review panel member, Labour market, FORTE (Sweden)** 2023 - 2025
- **Referee assignments:** Economic Journal; European Review of Economic History; Environment and Planning; Explorations in Economic History; Economic History Review; Forum for Development Studies; Historical Methods; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Economic Inequality; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of the European Economic Association; Labour Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Income and Wealth; Scandinavian Economic History Review; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Sociological Methods and Research; Tidsskrift for samfunnsforskning